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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DEBATE MILITARY DEBT

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1. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MET JANUARY 27 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS FOR  
BRIEF PRESENTATION BY PM SALEM ON EGYPT'S MILITARY DEBT,  
FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL-HOUR DEBATE ON QUESTION. ASIDE FROM  
RHETORIC ON EGYPT'S ROLE IN FOREFRONT OF ARAB CAUSE AND  
CONTINUED NEED FOR MILITARY PREPAREDNESS, ONLY SPECIFIC ITEM  
BEARING ON SUBJECT APPEARING IN PRESS IS PM'S STATEMENT THAT  
EGYPT'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT ECONOMIC LOSSES AS CONSEQUENCE OF  
SEVERAL WARS TOTAL ESTIMATED LE-16,000 MILLION (\$41,000  
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MILLION). PM REPORTEDLY NOTED FURTHER THAT A LARGE PART OF

MILITARY DEBT HAS BEEN SETTLED, EGYPT CONTINUES TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AND TALKS ON RESCHEDULING HAVE BEEN HELD WITH SOVIETS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT NO RPT NO OTHER FIGURE WAS REVEALED TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY BY PM. LE 16,000 MILLION TOTAL IS NOT, OF COURSE, AMOUNT OF WAR DEBT. CITED FIGURE HAS BEEN BRUITED ABOUT FOR PAST TWO YEARS IN CONTEXT OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HELP FROM ARAB NATIONS TO ALLEVIATE BURDEN IMPOSED ON EGYPT SINCE 1967 (REFTEL A). TALKS ON RESCHEDULING HAVE, INDEED, BEEN HELD WITH USSR ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. THESE TALKS BROKE DOWN MOST RECENTLY IN DECEMBER 1976 AND ARE REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO RECOMMENCE IN MID-1976. LOCAL PRESS IN DECEMBER STATED DEBT TO BE 3,750 MILLION RUBLES (REFTEL B), ONLY PUBLISHED EGYPTIAN INFORMATION, OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL, WE HAVE SEEN ON QUESTION.  
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